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## **Consumer Price Index for Denver Annual changes from the first half of 2000 to the first half of 2001**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Denver metropolitan area increased 5.4 percent over the last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. All major commodity groups increased. Rising energy prices accounted for over one-fifth of the increase in the index, according to Bob Gaddie, Regional Commissioner. The price of energy rose 22.8 percent over the year. The all items less energy index increased 4.6 percent for the period.

Housing prices in the Denver metropolitan area rose 7.7 percent over the year. Shelter costs rose 6.4 percent, accounting for two-thirds of the increase in housing costs. Fuels and utilities prices rose 27.1 percent. Within fuels and utilities, the cost of natural gas advanced 89.4 percent while the cost of electricity declined 4.0 percent. Household furnishings and operations costs rose 2.4 percent.

Transportation prices, which account for approximately one-fifth of the overall index, increased 3.0 percent. Private transportation, which includes the cost of vehicles and motor fuels, rose 3.5 percent. Motor fuel prices rose 11.4 percent, following a 24.4 percent increase in the twelve-month period ending the last half of 2000, and are at their highest level since publication of the index began in 1978.

The food and beverage index increased 4.4 percent over the year, as the price of food purchased for consumption at home and the price of food away from home each rose 4.0 percent. Alcoholic beverage prices increased 2.5 percent.

Recreation prices rose 4.5 percent over the period, the largest change since the index began in 1999. Apparel prices increased 7.8 percent over the year. Medical care costs rose 5.5 percent and education and communication prices rose 1.9 percent. Other goods and services increased 1.7 percent for the period.

The Denver CPI-U stood at 180.7 for the first half of 2001. This means that a market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 during the 1982-84 base period cost \$180.70 during the first half of 2001.

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes for semiannual averages and percent changes for selected periods

Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Semiannual average indexes			Percent change to 1st half 2001 from-	
	1st half	2nd half	1st half	1st half	2nd half
	2000	2000	2001	2000	2000
Expenditure category					
All items .....	171.4	175.1	180.7	5.4	3.2
All items (1967=100) .....	571.5	584.1	602.6	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.6	161.3	166.6	4.4	3.3
Food .....	161.2	162.9	168.5	4.5	3.4
Food at home .....	169.2	170.6	176.0	4.0	3.2
Food away from home .....	151.1	152.2	157.1	4.0	3.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	149.7	151.5	153.5	2.5	1.3
Housing .....	167.7	172.8	180.6	7.7	4.5
Shelter .....	185.6	191.0	197.5	6.4	3.4
Rent of primary residence .....	176.1	181.7	187.6	6.5	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) .....	186.7	193.7	199.6	6.9	3.0
Fuels and utilities .....	132.7	143.6	168.7	27.1	17.5
Fuels .....	105.9	116.0	144.3	36.3	24.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	105.7	116.0	144.7	36.9	24.7
Electricity .....	102.5	100.7	98.4	-4.0	-2.3
Utility natural gas service .....	110.1	136.9	208.5	89.4	52.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.3	126.1	128.3	2.4	1.7
Apparel .....	91.4	89.8	98.5	7.8	9.7
Transportation .....	177.8	180.8	183.1	3.0	1.3
Private transportation .....	172.1	176.8	178.1	3.5	.7
Motor fuel .....	120.1	132.7	133.8	11.4	.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	120.2	132.7	133.9	11.4	.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular (2).....	116.6	129.1	130.4	11.8	1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade (2) (3)....	119.2	131.3	132.4	11.1	.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium (2).....	125.2	137.0	138.2	10.4	.9
Medical care .....	300.6	306.8	317.0	5.5	3.3
Recreation (4).....	100.6	103.7	105.1	4.5	1.4
Education and communication (4).....	96.1	97.7	97.9	1.9	.2
Other goods and services .....	236.1	244.3	240.1	1.7	-1.7
Commodity and service group					
All items .....	171.4	175.1	180.7	5.4	3.2
Commodities .....	137.0	139.0	141.6	3.4	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	124.7	126.7	128.2	2.8	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	127.1	131.0	133.5	5.0	1.9
Durables .....	121.8	122.0	122.4	.5	.3
Services .....	200.5	205.9	214.0	6.7	3.9
Special aggregate indexes					
All items less medical care .....	164.4	168.0	173.3	5.4	3.2
All items less shelter .....	165.1	168.2	173.3	5.0	3.0
Commodities less food .....	125.6	127.6	129.1	2.8	1.2
Nondurables .....	143.2	146.0	149.9	4.7	2.7
Nondurables less food .....	128.5	132.2	134.7	4.8	1.9
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	221.3	226.7	236.6	6.9	4.4
Services less medical care services .....	190.8	196.0	203.8	6.8	4.0
Energy .....	111.9	123.2	137.4	22.8	11.5
All items less energy .....	177.8	180.9	185.9	4.6	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	181.0	184.4	189.3	4.6	2.7

1 Index is on a November 1982=100 base.

2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

3 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.  
Regions defined as the four Census regions.